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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Tatsuya INOKUCHI et al.

Serial No.: 09/869,816

Filed: July 3, 2001

For: DATA DECODING DEVICE AND METHOD, CHARGING INFORMATION
PROCESSING DEVICE AND METHOD, DATA REPRODUCING DEVICE AND
METHOD, ELECTRONIC MONEY, ELECTRONIC RIGHT OF USE, AND
TERMINAL

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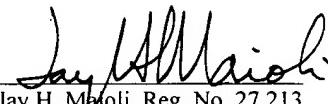
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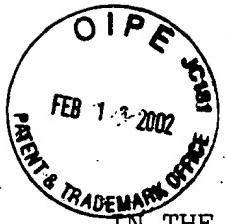
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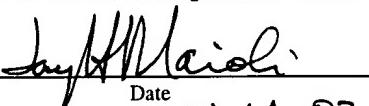
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows: